

REMARKS

Claims 6 and 20-25 are canceled. Claim 7 has been rejoined. Hence, claims 1-4, 6, and 7-19 remain active and under consideration in this application.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Szperka for the recent, helpful and courteous discussion conducted with their U.S. representative, Mr. William Beaumont. In accordance with the substance of that discussion, withdrawn claims 20-25 are now canceled.

Accordingly, in view of the discussion with Examiner Szperka and the above amendment, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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